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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the letter by His Excellency, Mr. Ilija Djukić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as documents of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ[/]
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 3 February 1993 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the
Security Council

The Republic of Croatia has consistently and flagrantly violated the United Nations Charter and a number of Security Council resolutions concerning the Yugoslav crisis.

Its aggressive and expansionist policy is undoubtedly a major obstacle towards finding a peaceful and durable solution to the Yugoslav crisis. The victims of its aggression are no longer only the Serbs, but the Muslims and the United Nations forces as well.

However, the negative and unacceptable role of the Republic of Croatia has often been ignored in the deliberations within the Security Council and its responsibility was brushed aside. As a result, the Republic of Croatia was further encouraged to persist with its policy and practice of aggression, which is particularly evident in the past few days.

1. The aggression of the Croatian Army against the United Nations Protected Areas, UNPROFOR and the Serbian civilian population represents a flagrant violation of the Vance Peace Plan and relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular 724, 743 and 762.

That has seriously jeopardized the credibility of the United Nations and its ability to defend the population and ensure peace in the territories under its protection.

2. Furthermore, Croatia has totally ignored the latest Security Council resolution 802 and the Presidential Statement of 27 January 1993 and the demands contained therein - to immediately cease all military activities and withdraw its army to the original positions.

Quite the contrary, it has continued and stepped up its aggression against UNPAs. The President of Croatia, Franjo Tudjman, has even gone so far as to publicly announce on 31 January 1993 that the Croatian troops would go ahead to capture more of the United Nations Protected Areas.

In that regard, we would like to remind you that the Security Council has undertaken to consider "... What further steps might be necessary to ensure that resolution 802 (1993) and other relevant Security Council resolutions are fully implemented."

3. From the outbreak of the conflict, the Croatian Army, totalling 60,000, is actively engaged in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina as has been confirmed by the United Nations Secretary-General, Security Council and the

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General Assembly. The involvement of the Croatian army has moreover been publicly acknowledged by the President of Croatia and the Croatian Minister of Defence. Croatia has in effect expanded its authority to the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina under its occupation and constantly attacks Serbian and Muslim population living in these areas.

This represents a clear violation of the commitments undertaken at the London Conference, relevant decisions of the General Assembly and Security Council resolutions 724, 743, 752, 757, 762 and 787. Croatia even ignores demands adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter to withdraw its troops from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, cease outside interference and establish an immediate cease-fire.

4. The Croatian army has recently blocked all roads and convoys with humanitarian relief in Central Bosnia and Herzegovina in clear violation of the Security Council resolutions 770 and 776 adopted pursuant to Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

5. In defiance of the Security Council resolution 781, Croatia has been the main violator of the "no-fly zone" in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina as has been reported by the Secretary-General.

6. The Republic of Croatia has openly violated the arms embargo imposed by the Security Council resolution 713. The Croatian territory is also used for channelling arms to the Croats and Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as foreign mercenaries. That is common knowledge, documented and reported by the world media, many independent observers and international organizations. The Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations himself admitted in a recent interview with the BBC that his Government has been illegally importing arms.

Mr. President,

The Security Council can no longer let such policy go unpunished. It has an obligation to take all appropriate measures including those envisaged by Chapter VII, to make the Republic of Croatia honour the United Nations Charter and all relevant Security Council resolutions. If the Security Council truly seeks to contribute to the peaceful resolution of the Yugoslav crisis, it should take an impartial and even-handed attitude towards all parties to the conflict.

Failing to do so, the Security Council would embolden Croatia's apparent aspirations towards military option and make peaceful solution ever so distant and unattainable.

(Signed) Ilija DJUKIC /
Federal Minister
